

ABSOLUTE RATING: Below Average

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 80.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent.

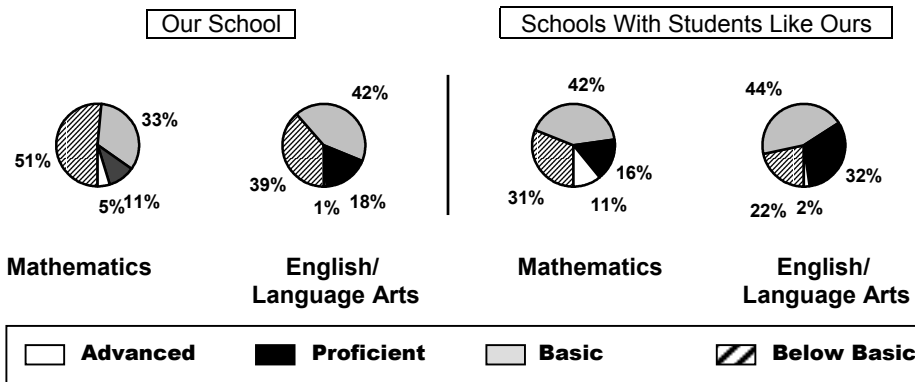
For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=572)	61.5	48.6	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=74)	44.6	21.6		
Students without disabilities (n=491)	65	53		
Gender				
Male (n=273)	56	50		
Female (n=292)	68.2	48		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=232)	44.4	31.2		
Hispanic (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=328)	74.4	61.1		
Other (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=304)	51	35.2		
Pay for lunch (n=261)	75.5	65.1		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,444	N/A	\$5,205	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	87.9%	Down from 89.6%	89.8%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.2 to 1	N/A	18.7 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=609)				
• Attendance Rate	95.5%	Down from 96.1%	95.9%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	11.5%	N/A	4.5%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	8.5%	N/A	3.2%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	N/A	N/A	96.2%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	5.9%	Up from 5.5%	3.4%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=43)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5.6 Days	Down from 6.7	7.4 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	92.8%	Down from 94.4%	95%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	53.5%	Up from 47.6%	46.9%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	93%	Down from 95.2%	84.4%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	Down from 2.4%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	92.7%	Up from 88.1%	88.1%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,136	Up 6.2%	\$37,768	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	70.2%	N/A	65.6%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	8	N/A	4.5	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	71.2%	N/A	96.8%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	41.8%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	2.1%	Up from 0.9%	1.1%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	10.2%	Down from 11.7%	12.7%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	14%	Down from 14.5%	9.5%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The 2000-2001 school year was successful and safe. Our staff and students worked hard in the classroom as well as in the community. Among our accomplishments are the following:

- * 20% of the fifth grade successfully completed PACT over the previous year
- * 32% of the sixth grade improved scores over their fourth grade PACT results
- * Increased student involvement in the after-school enrichment sessions and homework center
- * 77% of our students participated in community related activities such as Relay for Life (collected over \$6,000!), March of Dimes, Jump Rope for Hearts, and other causes
- * Our school was 1 of 42 schools in the state to be awarded the Schools of Promise Status

Our faculty and staff had an extremely difficult year with absenteeism due to sickness and surgeries. With dedicated efforts and teamwork, our school family made our year successful. Three teachers earned advanced degrees. Rita Hines was selected Teacher of the Year by her peers.

Our school is going through a major renovation on the outside of the building. Thanks to our Parent-Teacher Organization we will be able to landscape the outside of the building. Through the collaborative efforts of our School Improvement Council, business partners, volunteers, Parent-Teacher Organization, and other community members we realized many accomplishments including Flagship Status with Schools of Promise.

Our commitment to excellence is our promise to you and our expectations of every student. Excelsior Middle School welcomes your participation and support during the school year. We look forward to celebration with you the achievements of our students.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	91.1	73.4	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	93.3	72.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	77.8	90.6	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 5-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 609 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Unsatisfactory

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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